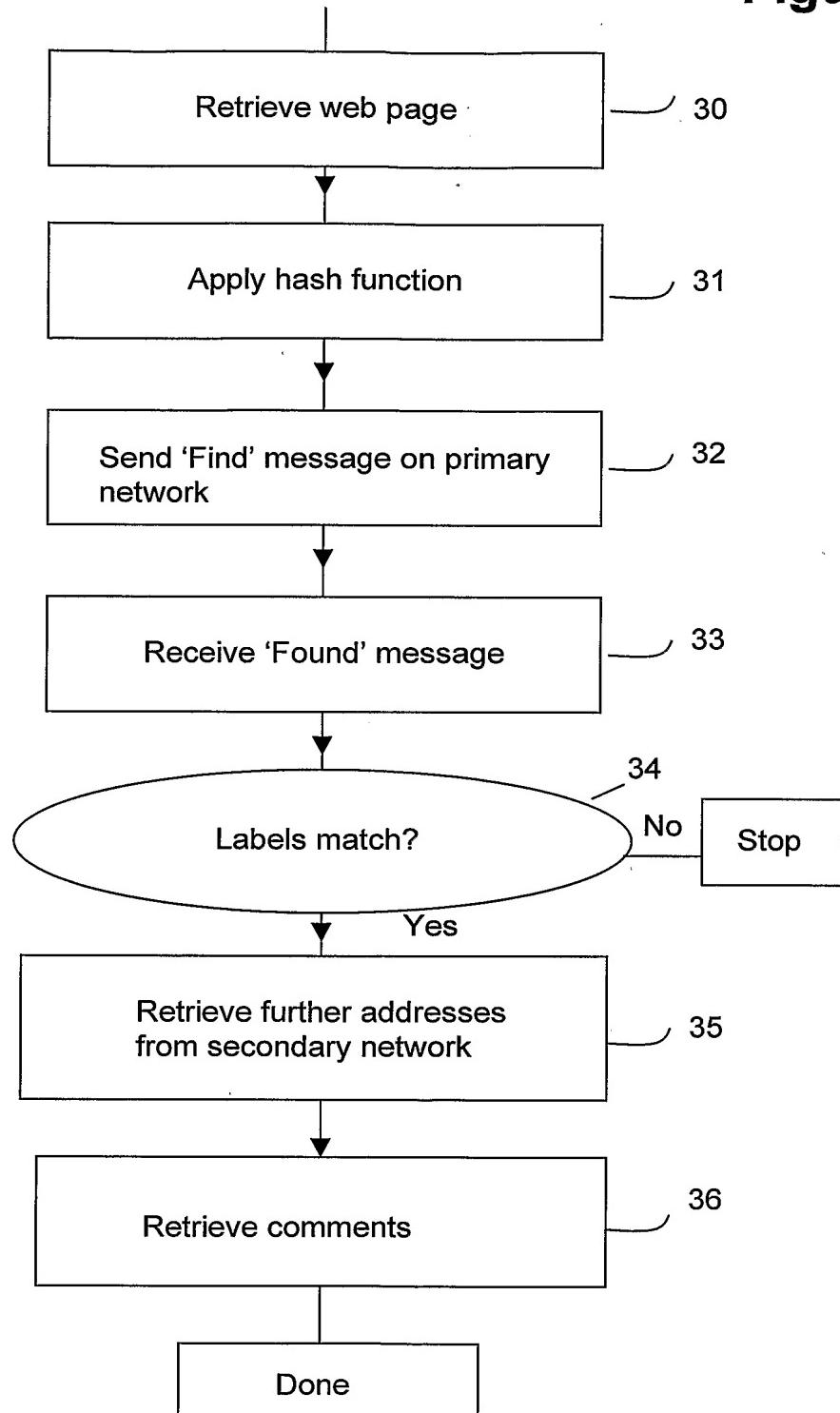
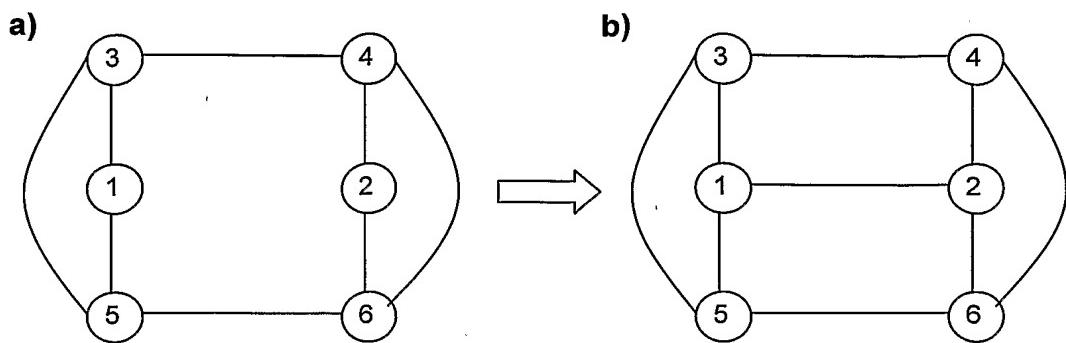
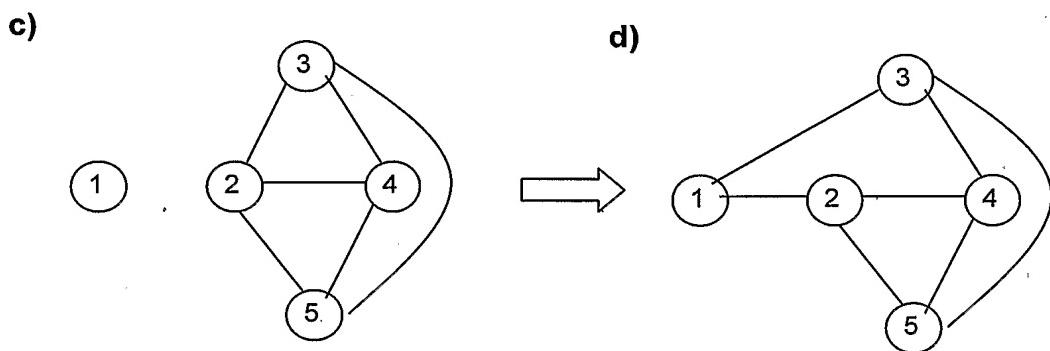


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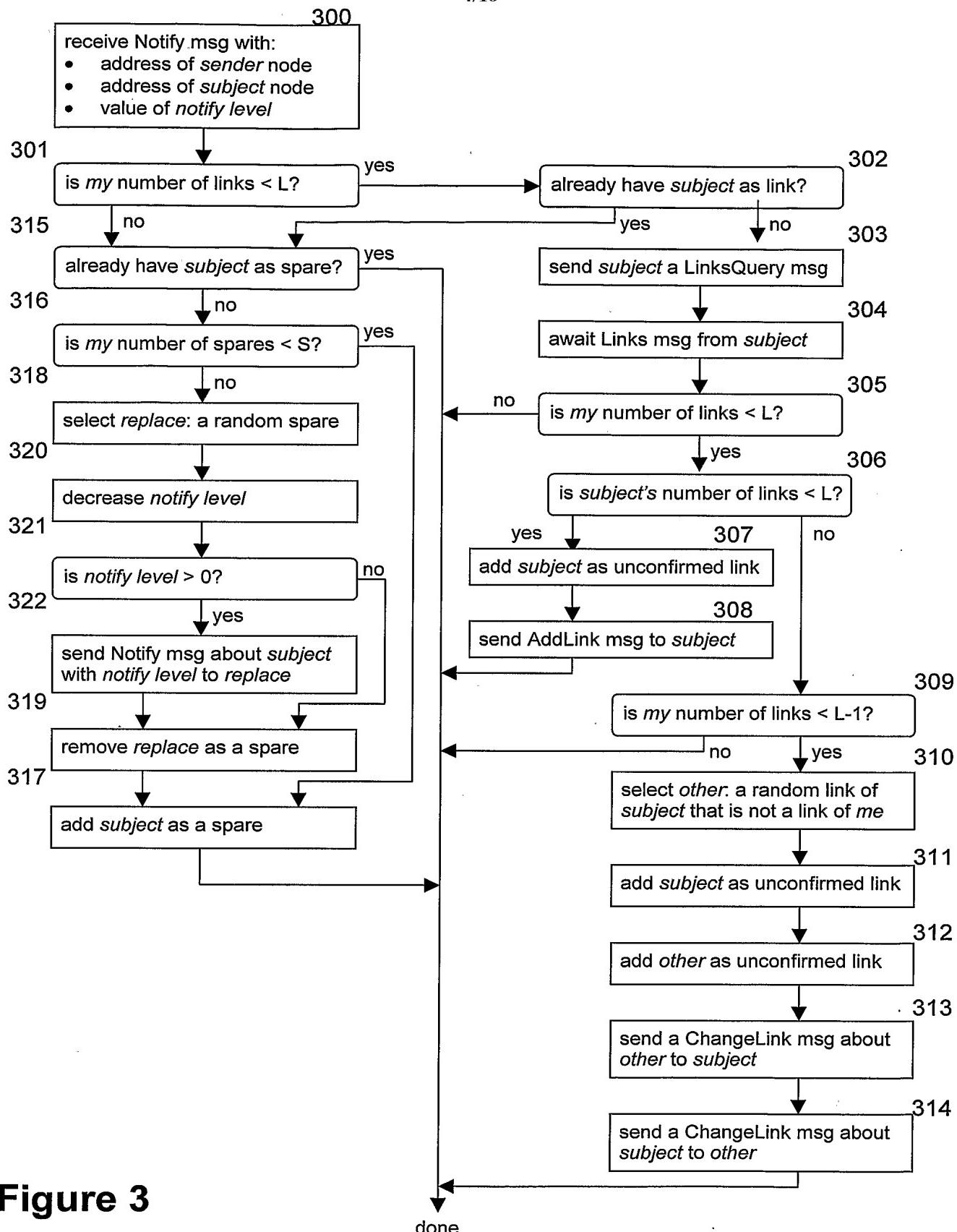


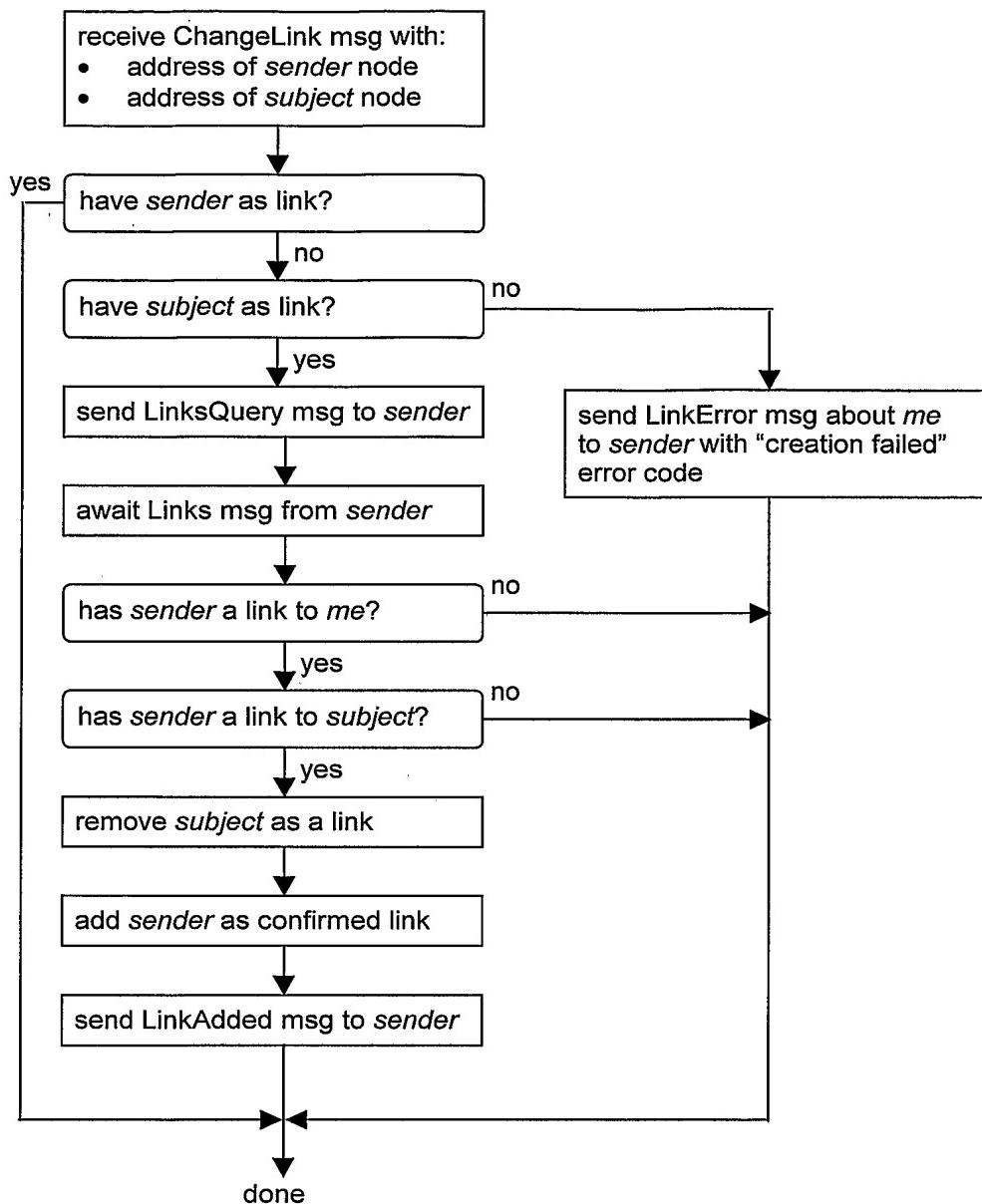
How a new link is created between two nodes (Node 1 and 2) when both nodes can still create a new link. a) The network before Node 1 received a Notify message about Node 2, and b) The network after Node 1 successfully created a new link in response to the Notify message.

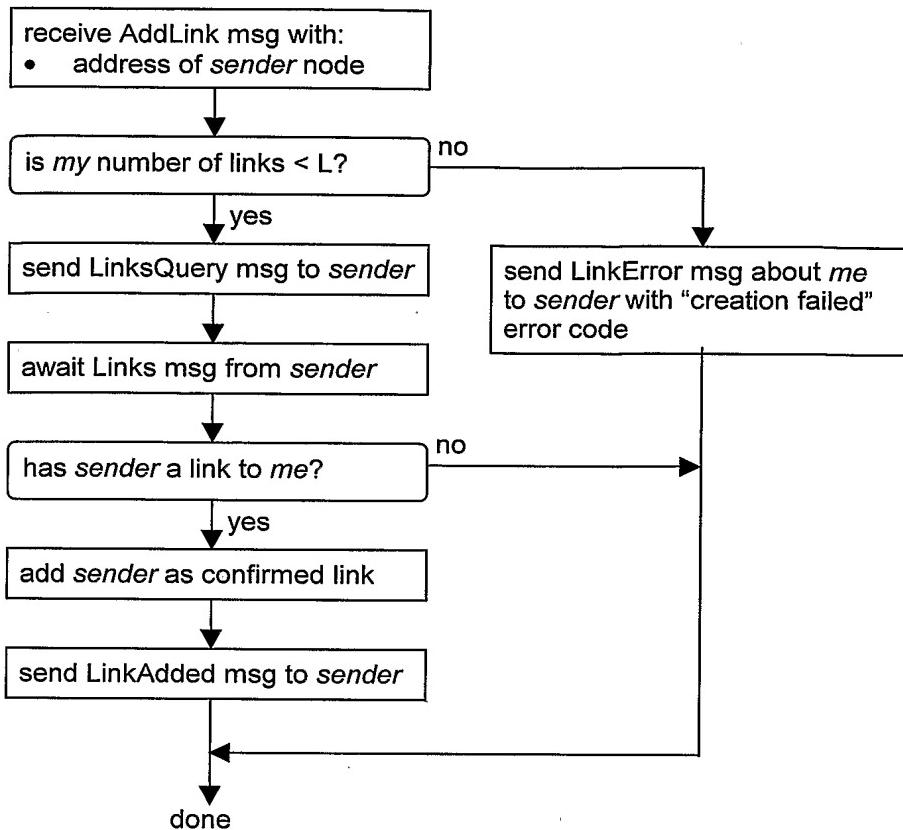
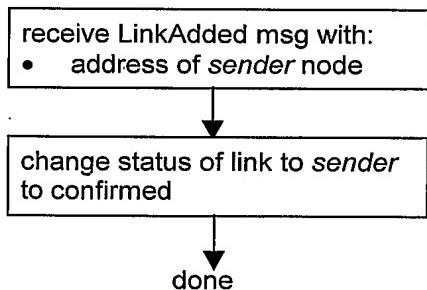


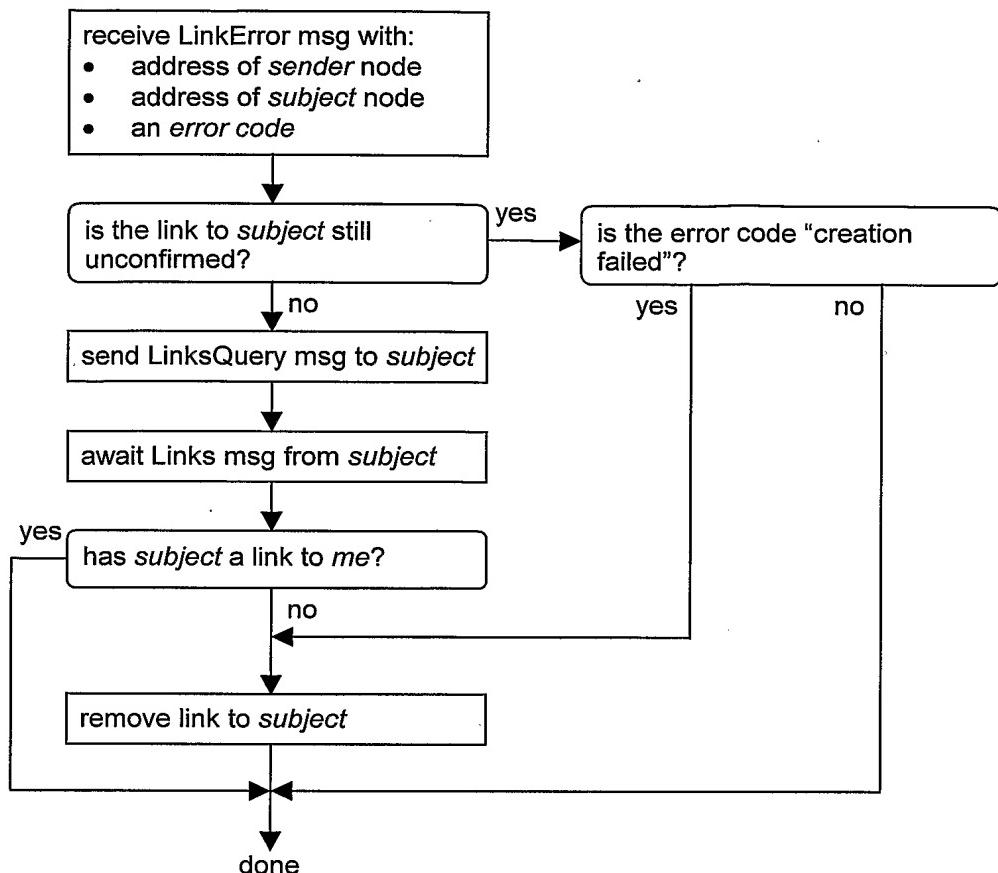
How a node (Node 1) inserts itself in an existing link (between Node 2 and Node 3) because Node 2 already had the maximum number of links. c) The network before Node 1 received a Notify message about Node 2, and d) The network after Node 1 successfully changed an existing link into two new ones in response to the Notify message.

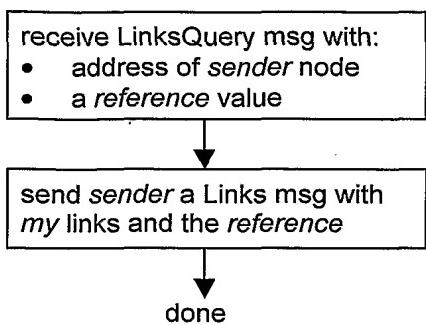
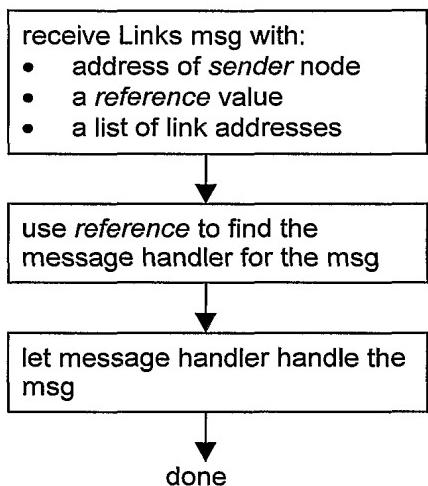
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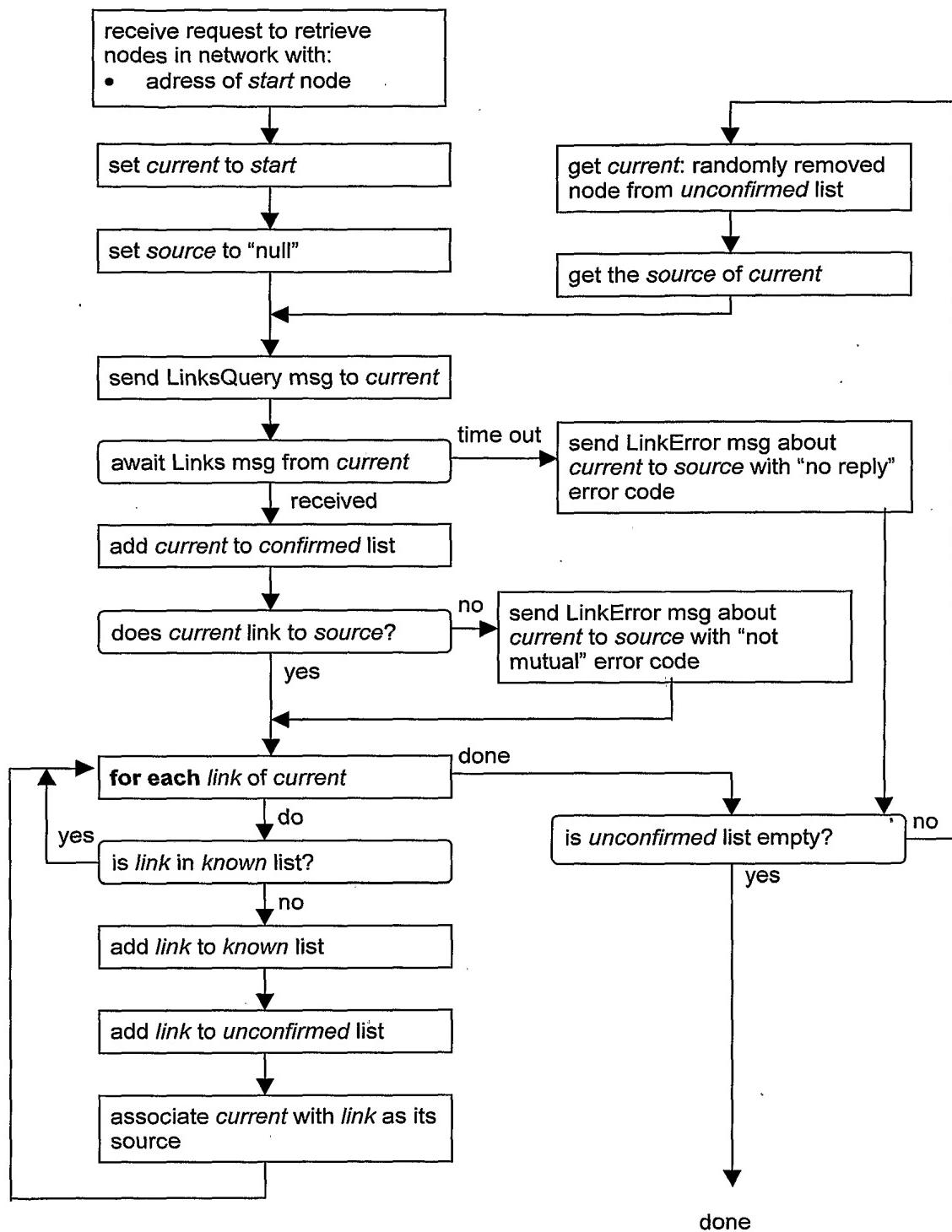
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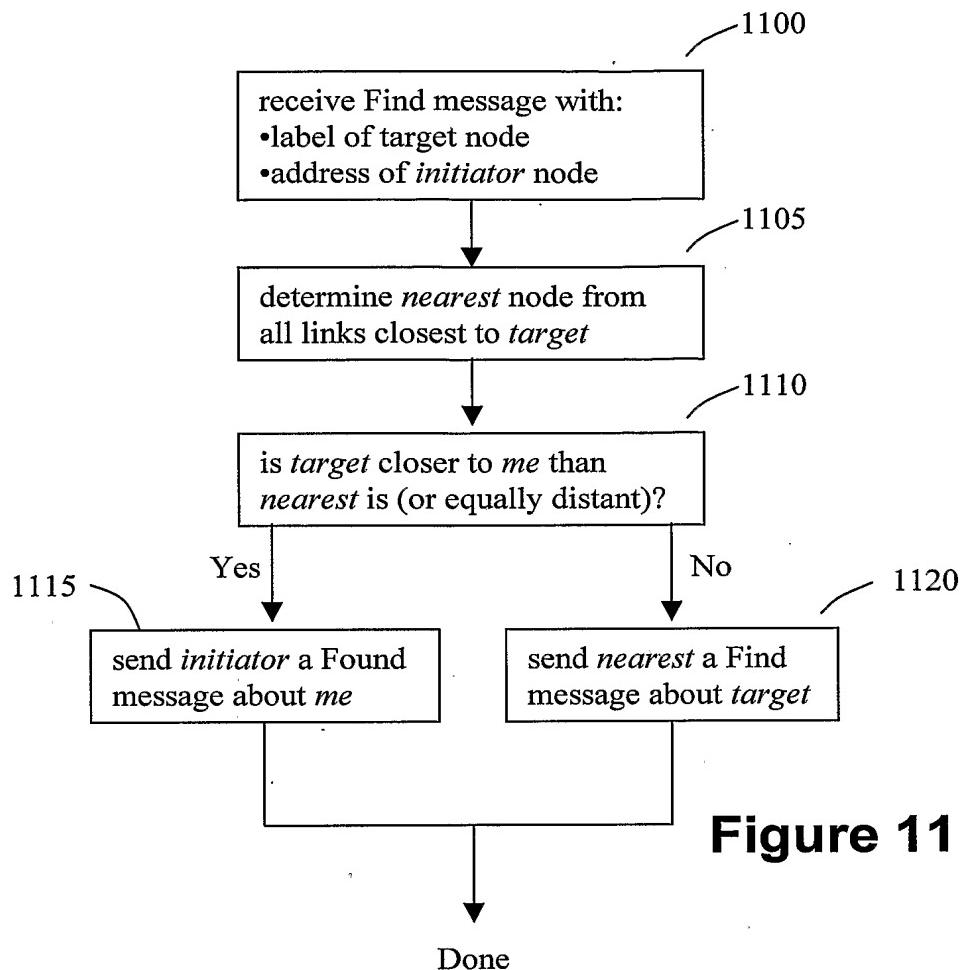
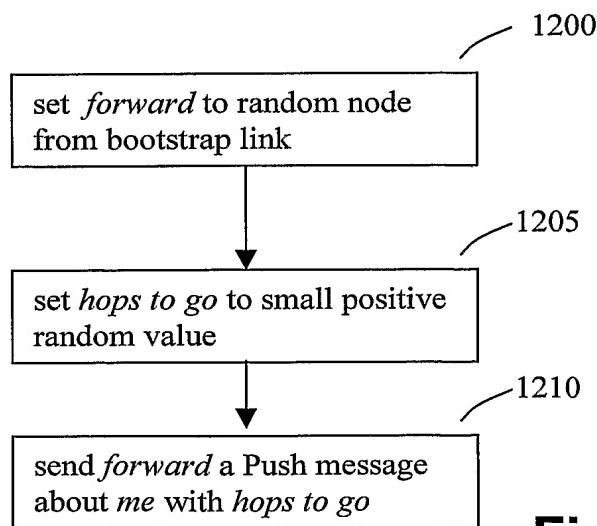
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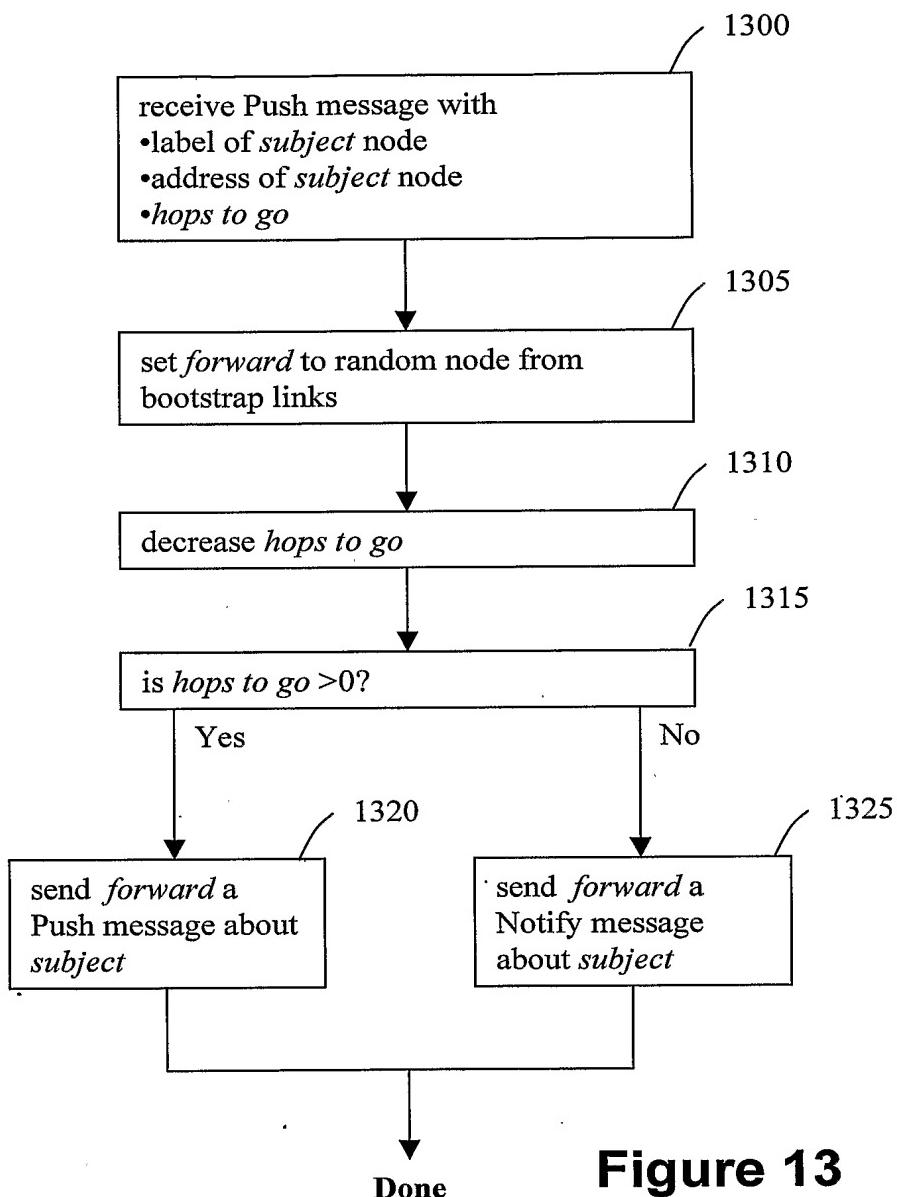
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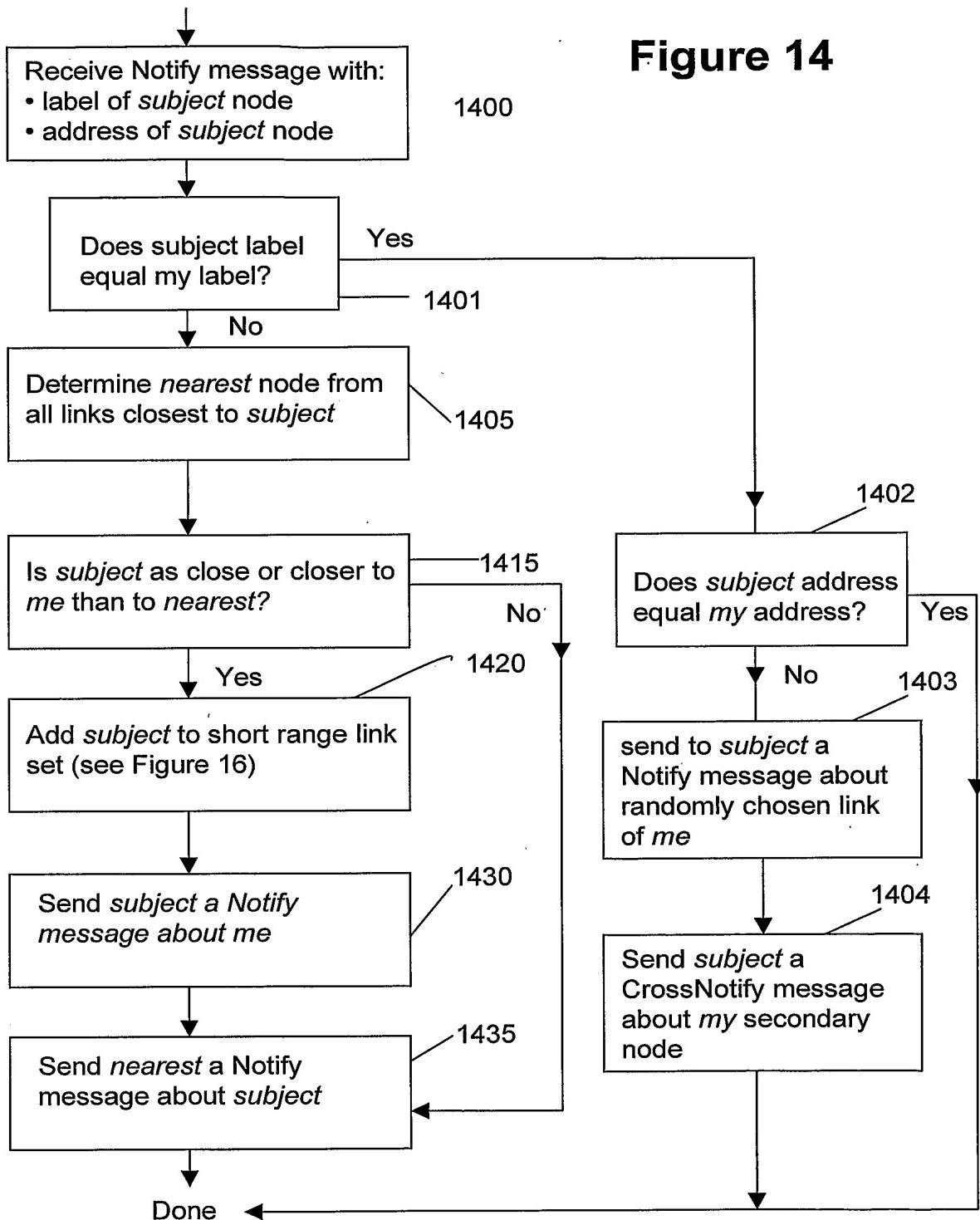
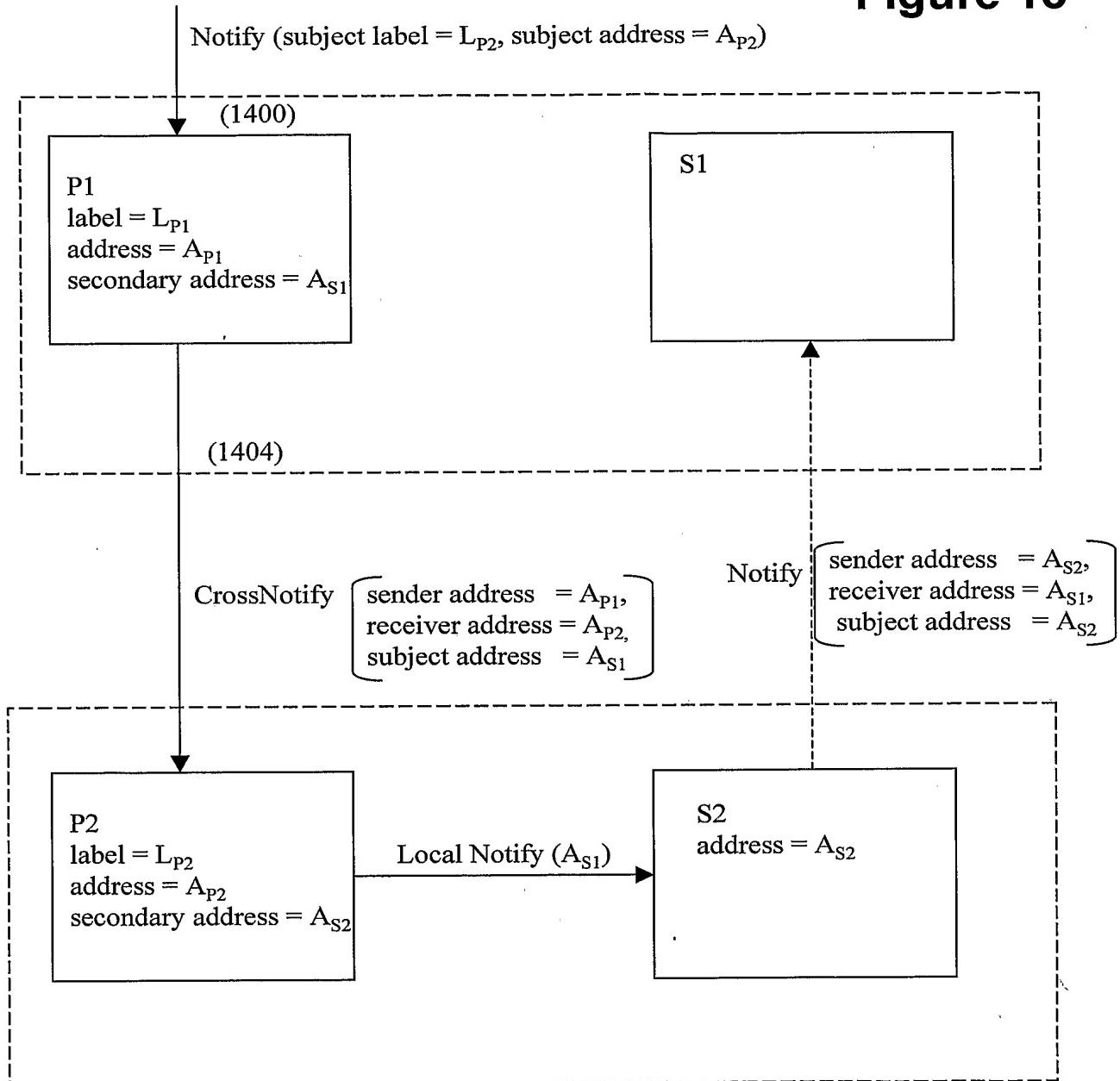
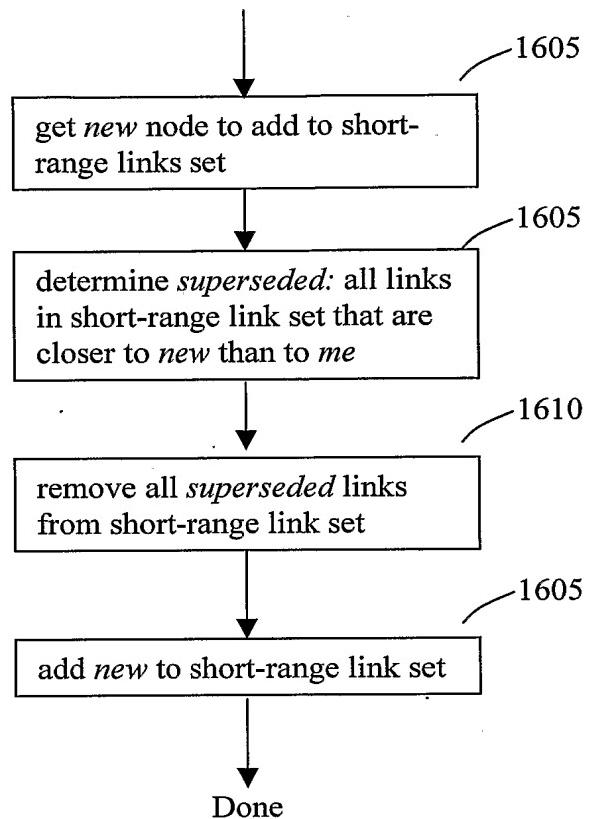
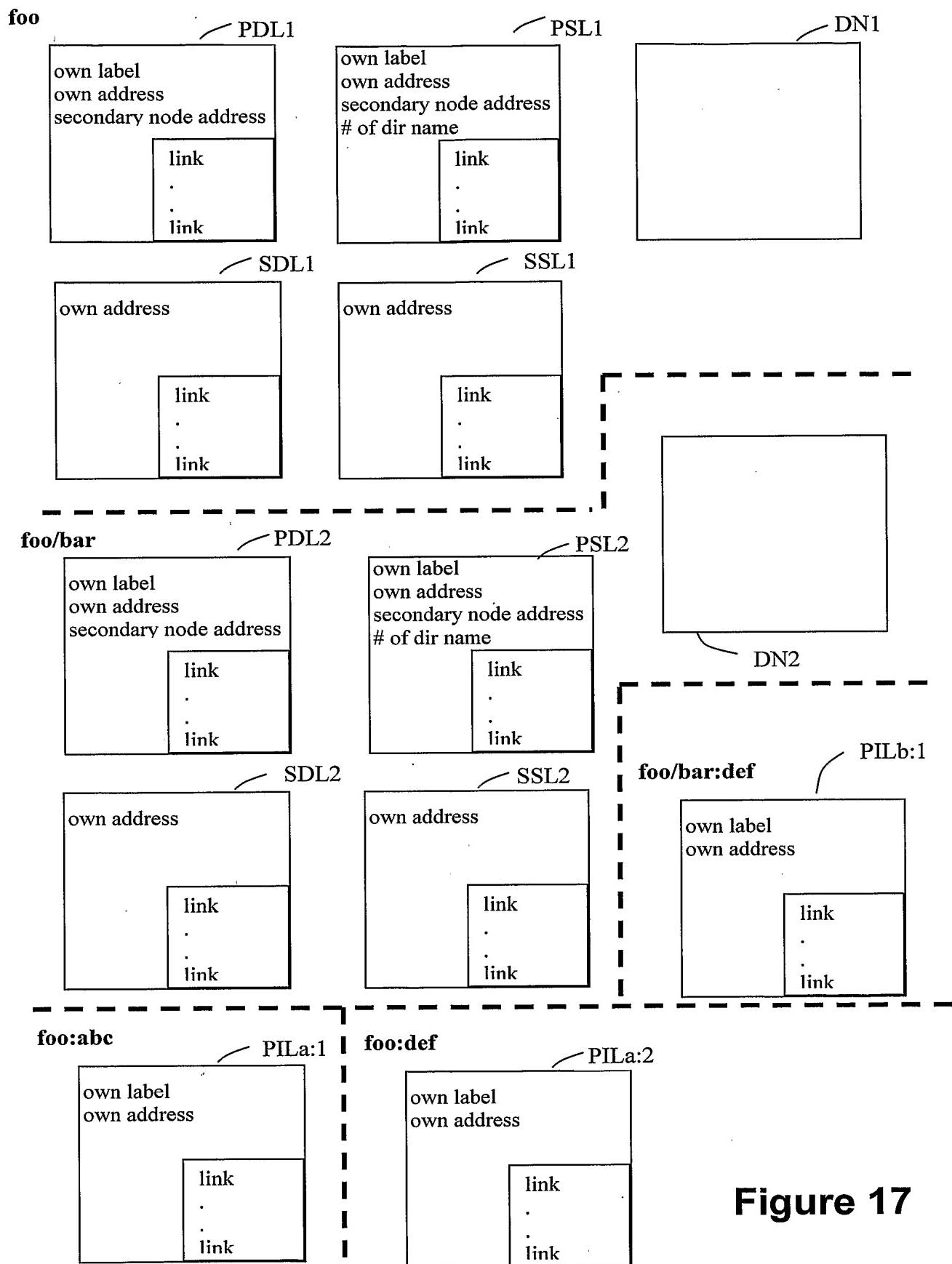
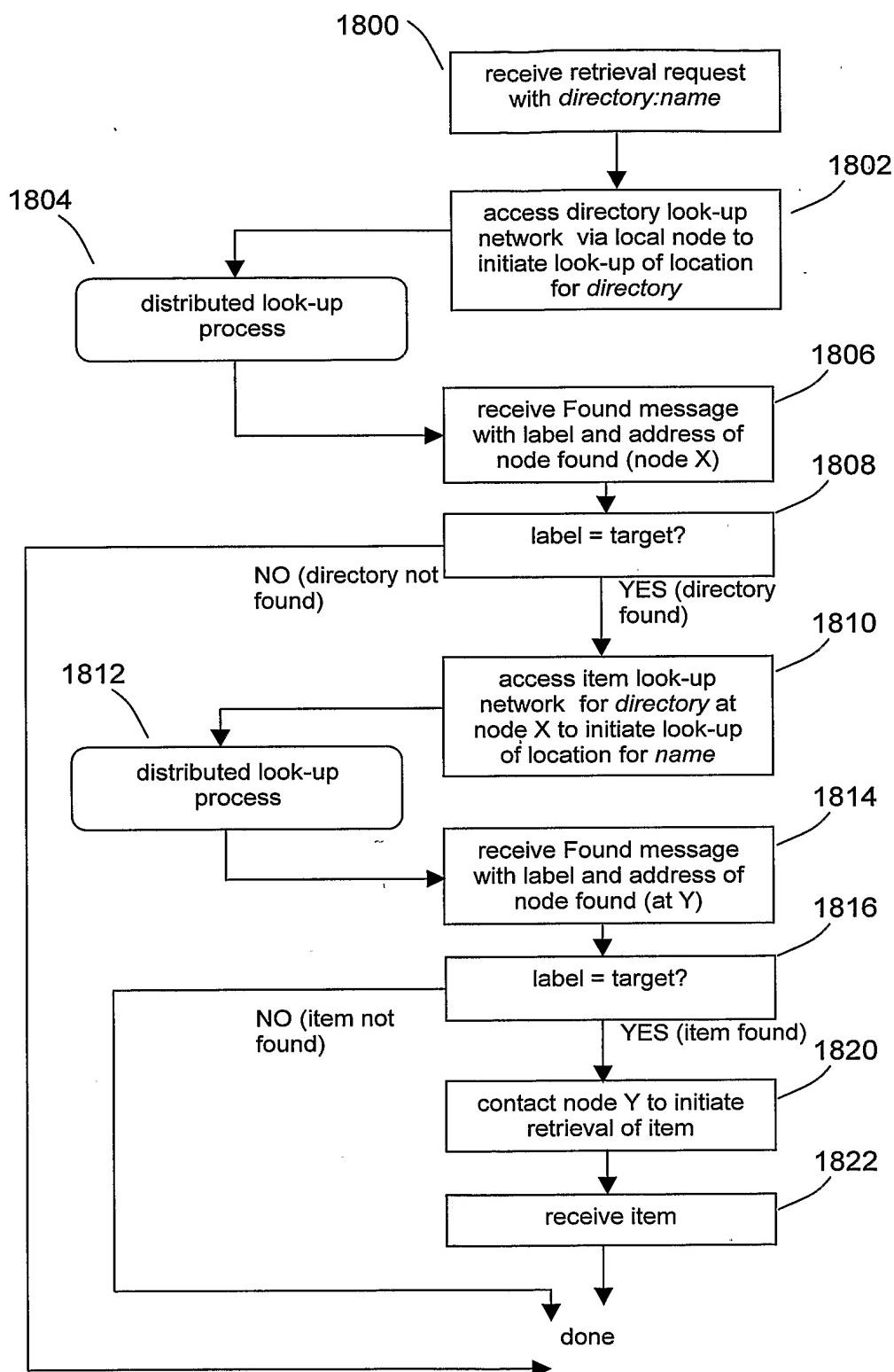


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**Figure 16**

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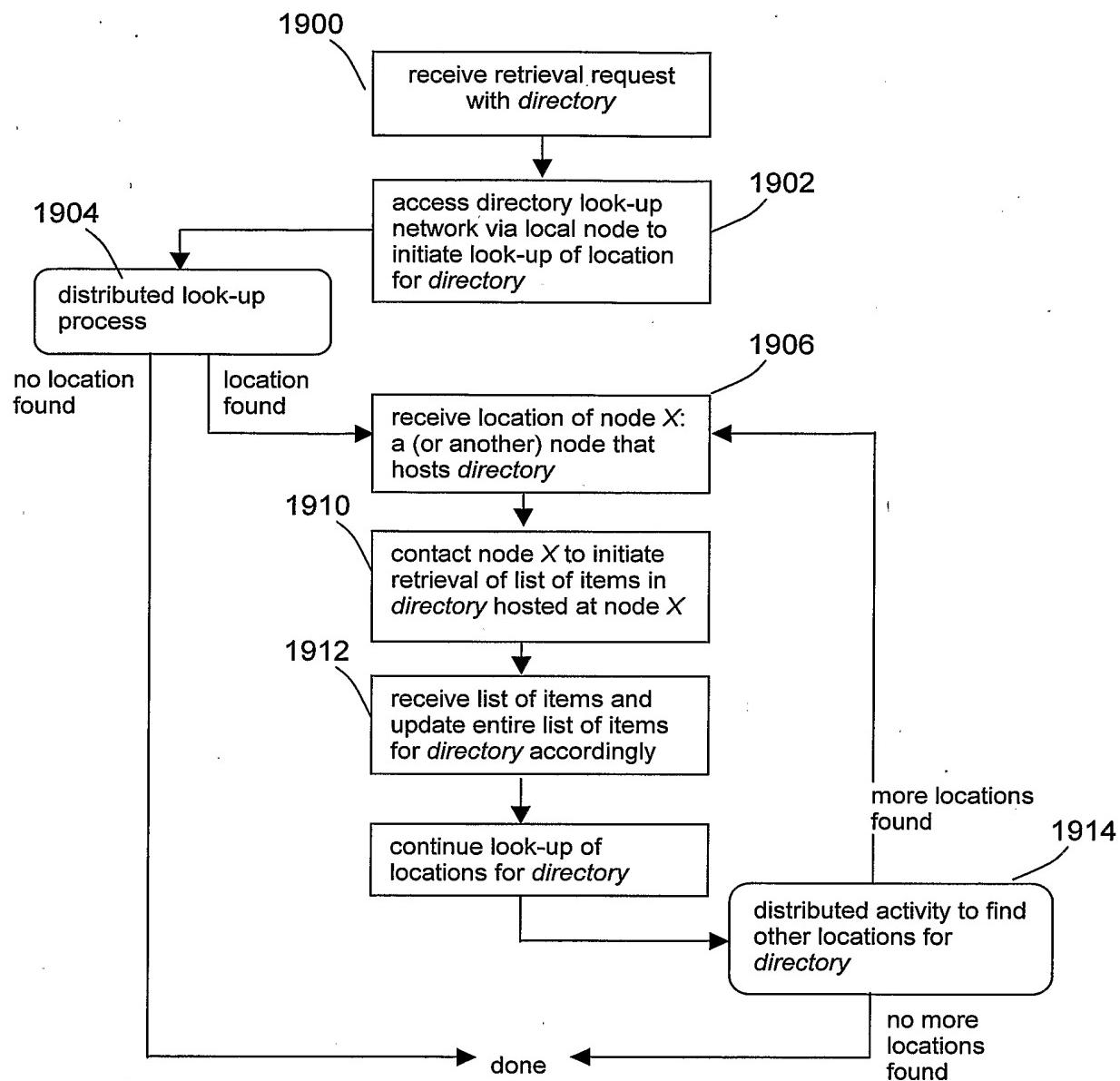
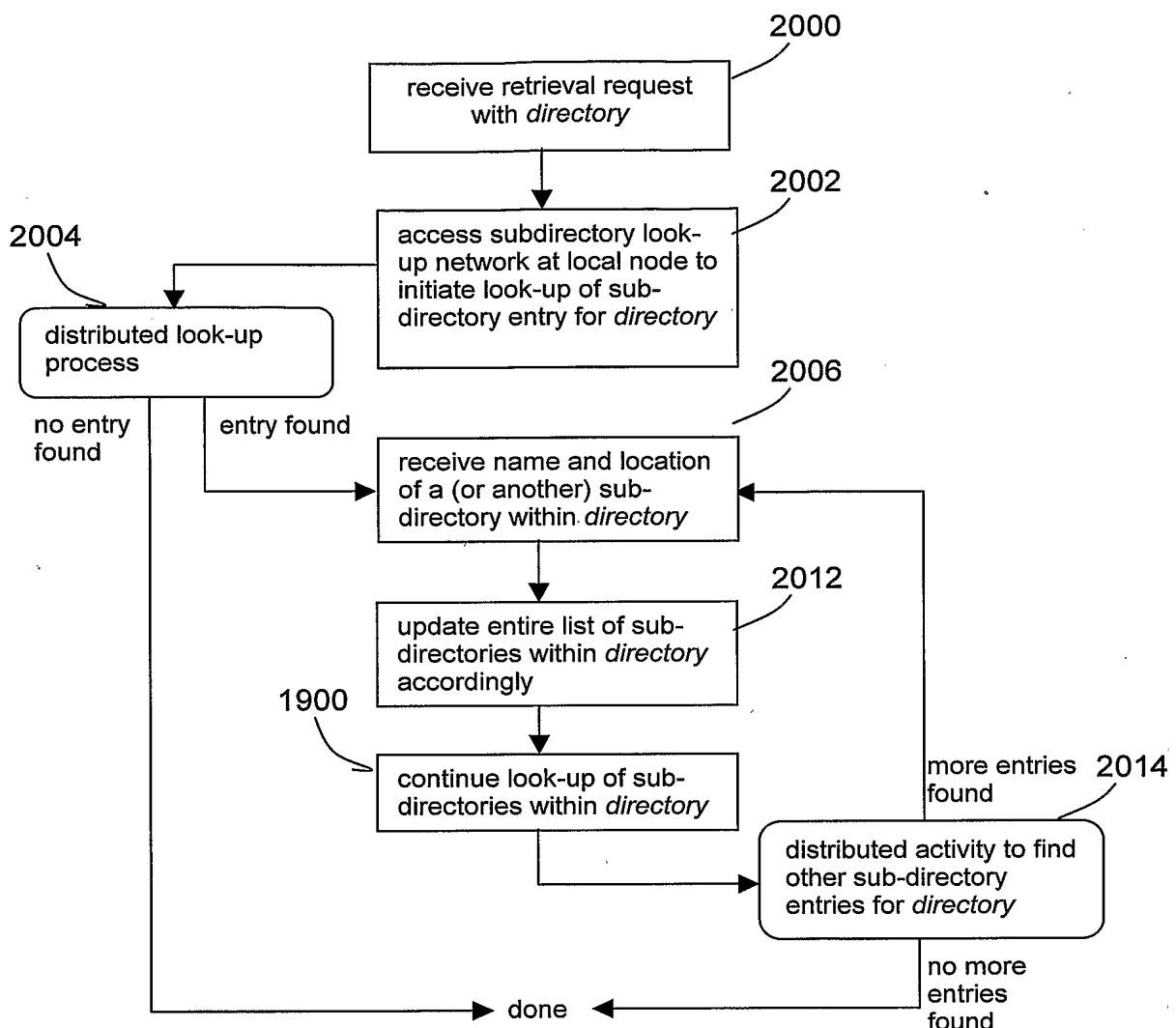


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